

MAINE EMS EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2000, Maine EMS Office, Augusta, Maine
Members Present: J. Caron, D. Palladino, L. Worden, S. Shapleigh, L. Delano, G. Miller (1105),
Maine EMS Staff: D. Corning
Guests:
Absent: J. Brinkman, Dr. Chagrasulis, C. Boehm, P. Conley, D. Robishaw, B. Zito, B. Demchak, P. Marcolini, B. Davis, K. Pomelow,
J. Partridge, P. Plumer
Timekeeper: None
Meeting opened at: 9:15 AM

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/ACTIONS TAKEN	FUTURE ACTION
Additions to Agenda	There were no additions to the agenda	
Ratification of Minutes, February 9, 2000	A motion to accept the February minutes will need to be made at the April meeting as the agenda item was skipped at this meeting.	✓ Dwight - Add to April agenda
Staff Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ The Curriculum Committee met and reviewed the 1998 Paramedic NSC, and felt that it was educationally sound and a good document, but that committee did not feel that they could adequately review and address the many other issues to be considered before new curriculum could be accepted. The Operations Team began their discussion of this curriculum at their March meeting, and will continue their discussion over the several meetings.✓ MDPB: Jane Chandler, RN, EMT-I was present at the February MDPB meeting to discuss EMT-Intermediates being allowed to access Central Lines. Further discussion is scheduled for the March MDPB meeting. Also at that meeting S MEMS discussed the proposed EMT-I (enhanced) program, and will return to the March meeting with additional information on proposed protocols, ALS back up, and QI plans.✓ The Date Committee did not meet in February, as they are still waiting for the RFP to be reviewed and released.✓ The Operations Team referred the proposed I/C Guidelines that the Education Committee has been working on to Drexell and Bill for review of administrative, regulatory, and legal issues addressed in the guidelines. Drexell and Bill will report back to the Operations Team in April.✓ Dr. John Burton has been appointed as the new State EMS Medical Director.	✓ No action items necessary

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EMT-Intermediate Update	Liz is currently submitting exam questions to the Exam Committee, which will be wor	✓	No action items necessary
I/C Program	As noted above, this draft document has been referred to Drexell and Bill, and they wil	✓	No action items necessary
EMT-P NSC	Discussed above, Operations Team will be continuing discussion of this topic over the	✓	No action items necessary
EMT-I's as Level 2 I/C's	<p>Currently EMT-Basics as Level 1 I/C's can coordinate an EMT-Basic program, and EMT-Paramedic's as Level 3 I/C's can coordinate Paramedic programs, but an EMT-Intermediate can not become a Level 2 I/C and therefore cannot coordinate an EMT-Intermediate program. In the current draft of the "One Vision" document, this change to allow EMT-I's to become Level 2 I/C's would take place. The review of this topic today was to consider this change prior to the completion of the One Vision document. Today's discussion was lengthy, and included the following discussion poi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To treat EMT-I's equitably with others, we should allow EMT-I's to become Level 2 I/C's • EMT-I's tend not to be "as experienced" because on many services (paramedic) they are not involved in patient care during transport time. • EMT-I's would be required to have ACLS to be a Level 2 I/C • People who are I/C's should have a much broader knowledge of the material to taught then what will ultimately be taught to the student. • The "step" to Intermediate is a very large step and needs to be taught by someone with extended knowledgeable. • A paramedic program brings in many different instructors to cover the program but Intermediate courses are typically done by a single instructor. <p>Motion: Move that in order to maintain consistency across levels that EMT-Intermediates who meet current Level 2 I/C standards are permitted to become Level 2 I/C's. (Palladino/?)</p> <p>After more discussion and several rewording attempts, the motion was rescinded.</p> <p>Motion: Point of clarification in our I/C Guidelines: It is appropriate if an EMT meets all of the current guidelines that they be allowed to I/C an EMT-I program.</p>	✓	No action items necessary

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(Palladino/Worden) 1 in favor (Worden), 2 opposed (Caron, Miller), 3 abstain (Delano, Shapleigh, Palladino)

The Committee did agree that it wants to revisit and reconsider this topic as part of the entire One Vision document.

New England Council I/C Program Update	The consensus of the Education Committee was that it supports the updated New Engl Council for EMS I/C program as the standard I/C program for Maine EMS.	✓ Dwight will advise Jay of this consensus.
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The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Next Education Committee Meeting: April 12, 2000 9:00 am - noon